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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 7, 10 and 16-21 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 7, 10, and 20 have been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated March 11, 205.

As to the Merits:

Claims 1, 4, 10, 16, 17 and 19-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ushiki et al. in view of Urabe. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 4, 10 and 20 have been amended as shown on the proposed amendment to further clarify the subject matter of the present invention over Ushiki et al. and Urabe. It is clarified in each of these independent claims 1, 4, 10 and 20 that the mobile communication protocols and the Personal Handyphone System communication protocol are mutually different communication protocols.

The "types" taught in Ushiki et al. employ the same communication protocol. On the other hand, the present invention identifies the "types" that employ mutually different communication protocols.

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Furthermore, Ushiki et al. identifies the type based on a response with respect to a communication equipment control signal, which is completely different from the present invention which identifies the type based on a response with respect to an operation start signal of the communication protocol which is output to a data interface part of the portable telephone set.

Urabe also fails to teach or suggest identifying the type based on a response with respect to an operation start signal of the communication protocol which is output to a data interface part of the portable telephone set.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 4, 10, 16, 17 and 19-21 are allowable over Ushiki et al. and Urabe.

Claims 7 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ushiki et al. in view of Urabe and Lintula et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 7 has been amended to further clarify the subject matter of the present invention over Ushiki et al. and Urabe. It is clarified in independent claim 7 that the mobile communication protocol and the Personal Handyphone System communication protocol are mutually different communication protocols.

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The arguments given above with respect to independent claims 1, 4, 10 and 20 similarly apply to independent claim 7. That is, Ushiki et al. and Urabe fail to teach or suggest the subject matter of the independent claim 7.

Lintula et al. is cited as teaching a PC card, but fails to teach or suggest identifying the "types" that employ mutually different communication protocols, and fails to teach or suggest identifying the type based on a response with respect to an operation start signal of the communication protocol which is output to a data interface part of the portable telephone set.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7 and 18 are allowable over Ushiki et al., Urabe and Lintula et al.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicant submits that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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